IITs, NITs and RECs

1865. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the variations in standard in IITs, NITs and RECs;

(b) what is the policy of Government to sanction/allocate RECs on the basis of population or area of the State/district; and

(c) the assistance given in this regard and the immediate plan fdr upgrading the RECs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [Dft. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have been established under the Act of Parliament as Centrally funded autonomous institutes. Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) have been established under Societies Registration Act, 1860 as joint venture between Central Government and the concerned State Government with the sharing of Non-Plan expenditure in undergradutate courses on 50:50 basis. First REC was established at Warangal in 1959 while the last REC was established in the year 1986 at Jalandhar. I IT'S are empowered to grant degree on their own under the authority given to them by the IT Act of 1961, RECs follow the norms of the universities to which they are affiliated. Out of 17 RECs, 10 have been granted Deemed University status and renamed as National Institute of Technology (NIT).

Problems of students in Jawahar Vidyalaya, Rajasthan

1866. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that incidents of theft, misadministration and insecurity among students are rampant in Jawahar Vidyalaya in Kherli Village in Dausa district of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to look into the problems being faced by the students and their parents by instructing the appropriate authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir. There are no incidents of theft, misadministration and insecurity

among students in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kherli Village of Dausa District.

(b) Does not arise.

Misuse of funds by Central Universities

†1867. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government funds are being misused by the Central Universities in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to stop misuse of Government funds therein; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Funds to all the Central Universities (except Indira Gandhi National Open University which is funded directly by the Central Government) are allocated and disbursed by the University Grants Commission out of the en-block grants reletfsetf by the Central Government. The annual accounts and balance sheet of each Central University are audited, once atleast every year and at intervals of not more than fifteen months, by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or by such persons as he may authorise in this behalf. Similarly, the accounts of the UGC are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General at such times and in such manner as he may think fit. Consequently, if not when any financial irregularity comes to the notice of the UGC/Government, the corrective action is taken immediately.

Central Schools/Open Schools/NVs in Bihar

†1868. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Schools/Navodaya Vidyalayas/Open Schools in Bihar;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.